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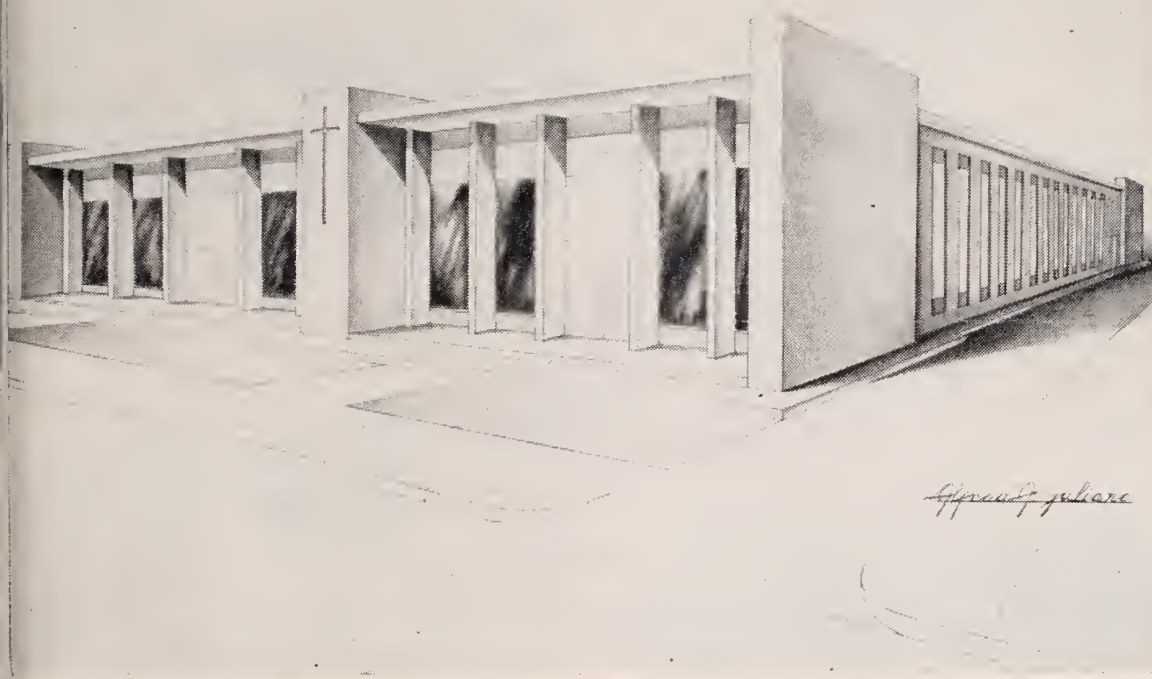
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CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Rapid progress is being made on the construction of the Northwestern State College Catholic Student Center, located directly off the campus on Second Street adjacent to the American Cemetery. The building is expected to be completed in early June.

The Center will include a chapel, which will seat 250 persons, and a lounge which will combine with the rear half of the chapel to form a large hall across the front of the building.

Living quarters and an office for the chaplain, Father Alfred A. Juliano, C.S.Sp., will be located in the left rear of the Center. Also there will be a workshop which will provide space for student projects such as float building and furniture making. Kitchen facilities will be conveniently located adjacent to the lounge.

The entire pattern of the building is modernistic. Interior arrangements will coincide with the outside work in carrying out the modern style. Unique will be the altar with its triangular marble base.

The building is the result of years of planning on the part of Natchitoches Newman Club sponsors, and is being built under the direction of Bishop Charles P. Greco of the Diocese of Alexandria.

Father Juliano, local chaplain since last November, stated, "The building is intended to administer, not only to the religious needs of the students, but also to their cultural and social needs."

In Appreciation

This issue of ALUMNI COLUMNS is being published by the cooperative efforts of the class in Journalism 301. Members of the class are Jerry Byrd, Jack Ensminger, Myron Fleming, Janis Meyer, Bill Robinson, Beth Smith, and John Spataro.

The inside layout, pages 2 and 3, were written and arranged by Jerry Byrd and Beth Smith. The front and back pages have been written by the other members of the group, with John Spataro acting as editor-in-chief.

Noted Visitors on N.S.C. Campus

Hodding Carter, noted editor of the Greenville (Miss.) Delta Democrat-Times, was guest speaker at the American Association of University Professors dinner April 8. He also addressed the student body at an assembly April 9 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

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Dr. Mildred I. Morgan, professor of Home and Family Life at Florida State University, was conductor and guest speaker during two-day program of the statewide Family Life Institute held at N. S. C. March 29 and 30.

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Donald M. Ewing, associate editor of the Shreveport Times, was principal speaker at The Current Sauce's annual banquet, March 26. Ewing spoke on the subject "How Much Freedom Should A College Newspaper Have?" The well-known Shreveport editorial writer aided The Current Sauce for 1953-54, calling it "one of the most interesting and most lively" publications that he had seen in a long time. Editor of Current Sauce this year is Donald Finley, journalism major from Olla. Finley is planning to begin work on his MA in journalism at the State University of Iowa in September.

Prior to Mr. Ewing's address, four Current Sauce reporters were presented awards for outstanding achievement. Miss Beth Smith of Eros was given the award of "Best Reporter." Jerry Byrd of Shreveport received the award for "Best Sports Reporter." Miss Hester Brown of Alexandria and Billy Baker of Shreveport received plaques for their outstanding contributions to collegiate journalism for 1953-54.

Thompson Chosen A. W. S. Prexy

Alcidie Thompson, junior home economics major from Waterproof, was chosen to head the Associated Women Students at the annual election held Tuesday night, March 23. Miss Thompson is a member of the Purple Jackets and the Euthenics Club and was recently elected president of Tri Sigma social sorority.

Serving as vice-president and head of the Judiciary Board will be Nancy Kimbrell, a home economics major from Zwolle. Jean Noble, upper elementary major from Winnsboro, was elected corresponding secretary, and Nancy King, primary education major from Winnfield, will serve as recording secretary.

LATE FLASH

Kyser Named President

The State Board of Education announced on Tuesday, April 6, the election of Dr. John S. Kyser as President of Northwestern State College to succeed President H. Lee Prather.

Dr. Kyser will assume the duties of the office on May 15 as acting president, and will take over officially as president on July 1.

Over 5,000 H.S. Students Visit

The NSC campus was overflowing with high school students from all sections of the State from March 26 through April 3, with 3,300 in attendance at the Musical Festival, 1,100 at F.H.A. meeting, and approximately 1000 for the Northwestern Relays. Other groups will come this month.

Treasurer of the group next year will be Joan Evans, accounting major from Campti. Social chairman will be Virgie McGuffee, a music major from Harrisonburg. Lynn Kennedy, a journalism major from Zachary, will serve as publicity chairman.



← Scene from
"Blythe Spirit"



↑ Speech Correction
By Use of Mirrors

Speech

Winners of
High School
Awards in
Speech
Tournament
→



N. S. C.
Debaters
with
Coach
Graham
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One of the most modern developments of Northwestern State College is its rapidly-growing speech division. Led by a well-trained staff and equipped with the facilities available, the NSC division of speech has earned the title of "Pride of the Languages Department."

Aside from routine class work, emphasis is placed on such extra-curricular activities as debate, drama, and corrective speech. Northwestern can accommodate any speech student no matter what special interests he has.

Forensics, under the direction of Donald Graham, have risen to an all-time interest peak in the last few years. Last year's NSC debaters won fame at tournaments throughout the South, and the 1953-54 team has added to its laurels by placing high in large tournaments so far this year. Northwestern was second only to Baylor University at the recent Louisiana Speech Tournament, attended by schools from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Dramatics are another important phase of life at Northwestern. Dr. Edna West joined the speech staff last year and has done an outstanding job in this field. The incentive for participating in dramatic productions are members of three organizations: College Players, Davis Players, and Alpha Psi Omega. In this field, work is done not only on acting but also on backstage activities, publicity, make-up, design, and other related subjects.

Radio programs are conducted in the college with members of radio classes doing both the writing and presentation. Presently a 13-week "V-O-N" (Voice of Northwestern) series is being broadcast every Wednesday evening through the facilities of Natchitoches radio station KWCJ.



Scene from
"Drums of Oude" ↑



Davis
Players
Holding
Special
Gift

- Dramatics
- Forensics
- Radio Broadcasting
- Speech Correction

field ignored at many schools, corrective speech, is of major prominence at Northwestern. Speech majors are required to take corrective speech courses and work in a speech clinic. The foundation required for advanced study in speech pathology is offered at NSC.

Among the clinic's facilities are three rooms, a Magna-tape recorder for checking speech, and a Maico meter for testing hearing. The clinician rooms include furniture on a small scale and various games and toys for pre-school and grammar school children.

Among the speech problems treated in the college are simple articulatory problems, stuttering, cleft-lips, cerebral palsy, aphasic cases, foreign accents, speech defects based on hearing defects, laryngectomy, voice problems caused by deviation of pitch, quality, and intensity.

Northwestern speech graduates interested in this work go on to positions as speech correctionists in many areas and cities. One teaches in Shreveport's Caddo Parish for Exceptional Children; another is teaching in a plastic school at Alexandria; and still another teaches at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Detroit, Michigan. Many hold jobs in public schools or serve as private speech correctionists.

The variety of corrective cases which pass through Northwestern is comparable to those of any clinic in the country. This variety offers student clinicians a chance to learn about cases which they might not ever have encountered in other locations. A Northwestern speech correctionist graduate is prepared for any work in the field.

In the NSC speech division, all the student needs to ask for is what he wants. There is no question as to whether the division offers it.



Speech
Correction
by Use of
Audiometer ←

VON (Voice of
Northwestern)
in Action at
College Radio
Studios →



DEMON TRACK TEAM—DEFENDING G. S. C. CHAMPIONS



Demons Win Relays

Northwestern State College successfully defended the college division of the 16th annual NSC Relays April 3, as 29 records were broken in the largest gathering of track enthusiasts in Louisiana history. Approximately 1,000 athletes from 71 high schools and four colleges took part in the five-hour meet.

In the high school competition, Byrd of Shreveport repeated as A.A. champions, while Jonesboro-Hodge took Class A, Plain Dealing Class B, and Estherwood Class C.

The Demons racked up their points in the relay events, defeating their nearest opponent, Southwestern 83½ to 61½. The Northwestern crew set new marks in the 880, sprint medley relay, and the mile relay. Southwestern shattered the 440 relay mark, thus making it a clean sweep of all college relay standards.

Murrell (Sister) Walker, Murray (Doak) Walker, Hugh Purser, and J. B. Self lowered the sprint medley mark to 3:37.6. The Walker brothers, Self, and Lilley knocked the mile relay record to 3:26, and the Demon 880 crew posted a 1:30.9.

Linden Claybrook of NSC hung up a new mile record with a 4:37.6, and Jack Bice, another Demon, leaped 22 feet, 9 inches for a fresh broad-jump mark.

College: NSC 83½; Southwestern 61½; Southeastern 42; and Northeast State 14.

Class AA: Byrd 64½; New Iberia 25; LaGrange 24 5/6; Fair Park 20 2/3; Haynesville 15½; Bossier City 14 2/3; Bolton 9; and West Monroe 2.

Class A: Jonesboro-Hodge 44; Deridder 22; Springhill 20; Eunice 17; and Tallulah 17.

Class B: Plain Dealing 53; Martha-ville 29; Kentwood 22; Southeastern High of Hammond 21; and Ferriday 17.

Class C: Estherwood 32; Pelican 29½; Converse 29; McKowen (Jackson) 26; and Bell City 9.

Baseball Season Begins

Northwestern's baseball nine opened its 1954 baseball slate with three victories in the first four outings, but then ran into a three-game losing streak.

In the season's opener, Coach Alvin (Cracker) Brown's spike-men pulled from behind a three-run deficit to upset the highly touted Barksdale Air Force Base crew 6 to 5 on the home diamond. Freshman A. W. Reed, sophomore James Enloe, and transfer Joe Costello were the big guns at the plate, while big Mike Pacheco turned in an excellent relief job on the mound to receive credit for the win.

Southeastern Oklahoma then invaded Demonland for a three-day stand, and the best the Savages could do was a slim victory sandwiched between two whopping defeats. Behind Morris Bruce's left-handed slants and little Larry Whitt's big bat, the NSC nine took the first game 10-2.

Visiting pitcher Boyd Converse pitched his mates to a 4-3 victory in the second tilt, but ace left-hander Gordon Zabasky handed the Demons the "rubber" game by a 3-2 margin.

Barksdale built up a big lead and nipped an NSC rally in the second Demon-Flyer encounter to take a skin-tight 11-10 decision.

In the first GSC game moundsmen Bruce did an outstanding job, but the Northwestern bats were silent as Southeastern outclutched the Demons 3 to 1. Last year's Southeastern team tied for the championship of the Gulf States Conference.

Gymnasts Win Again

Northwestern State College won the Mid-South Intercollegiate Invitational Gymnastic Meet held March 21 as they swamped Texas University and Texas A & M. In this first all-collegiate meet ever held at NSC, the Demons finished with 61½ points as compared with the Longhorns' 41½ and the Aggies' seven.

The Purple and White captured seven of the ten first places, and placed close behind the winners in the other three events. Mid-way through the meet, it was a show between Northwestern and Texas University. However, the Demons took a sweep of the last four events to pull ahead.

Al Kopp of NSC notched the individual scoring honors with 20 meet points and 1.166 in all-round tabulations. The Demons' Tommy Ragland provided the best performance of the evening when he scampered up the cord in the rope-climbing competition in 4.9 seconds.

Cupid's Doings

MISS DOROTHY MIGNONETTE PORTER of Shreveport, and MR. JERRY DALE McDONALD, of Deweyville, Texas, were united in marriage at the Westside Baptist Church of Natchitoches on March 5, with the Rev. Dudley Downing officiating. The newlyweds are living in Natchitoches, where both are continuing their studies at NSC.

MISS ROSE ELIZABETH LITTLE, B. S. '45, of Leesville, and Mr. Clarke Daniel Bishop, of Drew,

Miss., were married at the First Baptist Church of Leesville on Feb. 13. Dr. R. S. Crawford officiating. The couple will reside at Sunnyside Plantation in Glendora, Miss.

MISS LOIS CATHERINE PHILLIPS of Shreveport, and Mr. John E. Hartsfield, of Little Rock, Ark., were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church of El Dorado, Ark., on Feb. 27.

Mrs. Hartsfield attended Northwestern and the Bish Mathis Institute in Longview, Texas. The couple will make their home in North Little Rock, Ark.

MISS MARTHA NORMA CURTIS, of Mansfield, and MR. SIDNEY EARL COOK, B.A. '48, of Robeline, were married at the First Methodist Church of Mansfield on March 26 with the Rev. Merlin W. Merrill officiating. The groom is a practicing attorney in Shreveport where the couple will make their home.

MISS BETTY BREITENBERG, student at the College, and S/Sgt J. C. Maggio, both of Natchitoches, were married at the Church of The Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches on March 6.

The young couple will reside in Enid, Oklahoma, where the groom is stationed at the present time.

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